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STATEMENT FROM CALIFORNIA TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES ON CALSTRS' VOTES AGAINST GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S PENSION PLANS

Governor's Own Appointees Oppose His Proposals

SACRAMENTO, CA – State Treasurer Phil Angelides, who serves as an ex-officio board member of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) board, had the following comments today after the board voted against Governor Schwarzenegger's pension proposals. Taken together, the Governor's pension plans will cost schools and taxpayers more than \$11 billion through 2017.

The board voted 11-0, with one abstention, to oppose the Governor's budget proposal to take an estimated \$585 million annual contribution to CalSTRS, which currently comes from the State's General Fund, and shift the cost to local schools, and 10-2 against the Governor's plan to privatize the State's public pension plans, and replace them with individual 401(k)-style private accounts. Five of the Governor's own six appointees to the board voted against his proposed cost-shift, and four of them opposed his pension privatization plan.

"I applaud the CalSTRS board for the clear message it sent to Governor Schwarzenegger today, and for standing up for schools, teachers and taxpayers who would be hurt by the Governor's proposals. The Governor's pension plans are a step in the wrong direction – they are costly to taxpayers and threaten educational opportunities for California's students.

"Even the Governor's own appointees to the CalSTRS board failed to support his unfair and irresponsible proposals that would cost taxpayers and hurt schools and teachers. After breaking his explicit budget promise to protect education, the Governor's pension plans add insult to injury at a time when the State faces a budget crisis and our schools can ill-afford further cuts."

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